

## WHO SOLD TICKETS?

Park Department Officials Are Looking Into the Matter.

Hundreds Found Their Way Into Speculators' Hands.

Italians Got Work by Passing as Union Veterans.

The exposure in yesterday's "Evening World" of the frauds practiced upon the Park Department officials by men who obtained hundreds of tickets which they afterwards found their way into the hands of Italian vendors, who sold them to their countrymen for \$20 and \$25, caused consternation in the ranks of the Tammany politicians this morning. The fact that an investigation had been set on foot, and the possibility of the whole sale buying and selling of positions, which fully laid bare had a most depressing effect upon them.

President Tappan told an "Evening World" reporter this morning that he was more than anxious to get to the bottom of the frauds.

"Anything that we can possibly do," he said, "to find the authors of the imposture—that is, if impostors has been practiced—will be done. We will certainly make an investigation, and it will be of the right order."

"We will summon before us the men whom 'The Evening World' found, and have them tell us their stories. Then, if possible, we will find the men who sold the tickets, and through them we may be able to discover who obtained the tickets from us in the first instance."

"Don't blame this department until we get at all the facts. Even though the sale of the tickets may be proved, it must be remembered that several thousand tickets were issued by us at a time when men were hungry and crying for work. We were told to issue them as fast as we could. We will offer 'The Evening World' every facility for getting at the bottom of the whole transaction."

According to Secretary Burns there is no manner of discovering the name of the district leader to whom the tickets were originally issued. There is no record, it appears, upon the Park Department books, says the name of the man employed. Commissioner Tappan is inclined to think that it makes little difference to the Park Department who names were on the work tickets, providing the work paid for was actually performed.

That these work tickets were bought and sold by the wholesale any one can discover by a walk through the Italian colony. The two men spoken of in "The Evening World" yesterday were directed by their friends as to what "ticket speculator" to seek. It was well known in the colony that the tickets were being sold, and were promptly given the tickets made out in the names of Murray and Conway.

The Park Department, however, is not the only one under the same operation. Where the tickets were bought and sold, from whatever source, the Italians derive their sustenance. It is certain that they were able to get men at work in almost every quarter. There are hundreds at present employed in the Street-Cleaning Department, who paid as much as \$5 for the privilege of handling a broom. It is also charged

that a similar condition exists in the Dock Department.

Every one of these men is supposed to be an American citizen, and before being put to work he is sworn. "The Evening World" has already demonstrated how Italians, a few months or days in the country, are able to procure citizenship papers upon perjured evidence. With these certificates of citizenship they are put to work in the Department, the passport first receiving his blood-money.

At one or more of English speaking veterans can be found around the office of the Street-Cleaning Commissioner every day looking for employment, many of them well recommended, but they cannot obtain it, right in their presence, however, Italians come along and are put to work.

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"The Evening World" has now in its possession an affidavit made by a veteran of the late war, who at one time worked in the Street-Cleaning Department, while in the Street-Cleaning Commissioner's office, five Italians, who responded to the usual questions, but produced regular discharge from the army, showing that they had fought in the war.

The veteran who makes the affidavit gave all this and his story fully laid out, turning to one of the Italians he said: "You say you fought with me in the war. If it is you, get out."

He then described how he chased the man out of the Commissioner's office.

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## THAT QUEER AUCTION.

Commissioner Daly Says It Really Took Place.

Philip J. Smith Bought Paving Blocks "in a Minute."

He is an Agent for Tammany Contractors.

Commissioner of Public Works Michael T. Daly today told his side of that mysterious sale of 35,000 paving blocks told about in "The World" this morning. A "World" reporter started out yesterday morning to attend the sale, which was advertised to take place at 11:30 o'clock, at Harding street and South street, under the direction of Auctioneer Peter F. Meyer, Richard Croker's partner in the real estate business.

The reporter found the paving blocks. They compose the pavement on South street between Whitehall and Corlears streets, and are to be taken up so that a new pavement can be laid. There was no sign of an auction sale, however, but at Meyer's office it was said that it took place just the same and that a big crowd was there.

The successful buyer was reported to be Philip J. Smith, and his bid was \$2.50 per thousand blocks. Smith is said to represent Tammany contractors, old paving stones are worth more than \$2.50 a thousand, and to a man with a "pull," who might dispose of them again as new after having them retouched, they may prove a valuable bargain.

"I have made inquiry," said Commissioner Daly, and I find that the sale did take place at the advertised spot in the presence of Water Purveyor Maurice Featherston, of this department. I suppose Smith was the only bidder, and there was no crowd. The whole thing was done in a minute."

"How about the big crowd Auctioneer Meyer's man speaks of?" "I am not responsible for what others say. The man may not have known what he was talking about. You haven't heard of an auction sale, however, yet. The sale was advertised in the regular way, and if any one else wanted paving blocks they would have been on the spot."

"Evidently no one else wanted them. That accounts for the low bid. Two dollars and fifty cents per thousand is less than we have been getting. It appears to be no demand for old paving-stones. They are sold by contractors to country towns to be broken up for country roads."

"When they were building roads in Mount Vernon and New Rochelle, we got more money for old stones," "ribbush." He thought Tammany deserved credit instead of censure for turning the old paving-stones into money for the city. There was no record that any money was received for old stones prior to the administration of Thomas F. Gilroy.

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Bathbridge Colby, the assignee of Mark Twain's publishing house, Charles L. Webster & Co., said this morning that the books of the firm had not yet been made up, and that it would probably be two or three days before an accurate statement of the firm's liabilities and assets would be given out.

At a rough estimate, Mr. Colby said, the liabilities will not exceed \$50,000, and the assets will be nearly equal. He said that there is a strong probability that the creditors will agree to arrangements permitting the firm to resume business.

Theodore Wice, a salesman, thirty years old, of 203 West Ninety-fifth street, was held in \$1,000 bail for examination in the Harlem Police Court this morning on a charge of the larceny of \$108. Max Stern, a wholesale liquor dealer at 32 Water street, and Patrick Flanagan, a saloon-keeper at 19 Lawrence street, were the complainants. Wice had been salesman for Mr. Stern and, the latter alleges, has collected about \$20 without authority and has failed to turn in the money. He is accused of collecting \$165 of this from Flanagan.

Wice had been selling liquors on commission and he had made as high as \$25 a week. It is said that he has been betting on the New Orleans horse races.

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